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SUBJECT: QATARI ARMS SHIPMENT HELD AT LONDON AIRPORT

REFERENCE: A) LONDON 10377; B) LONDON 8850

1. FCO DESK OFFICER HANDLING QATAR INFORMED EMBOFF EVENING JULY 6 THAT BRITISH CAA HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT ON THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE QATARI ARMS SHIPMENT AND SENT OUTLINE OF REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE FAA. FCO OFFICER STATED HMG RELEASING THE GUNS AND AMMO TO QATARI EMBASSY HERE EXCEPT FOR ONE GUN HELD AS EVIDENCE. HE EXPECTED QATARI EMBASSY WOULD PROPERLY REPACK AND FORWARD THE BULK OF THE SHIPMENT. BRITISH CAA HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER IT WILL INSTIGATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PANAM.

2. WE NOTE THAT US COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS HAS ALSO BEEN NOTIFIED OF INCIDENT (REFTEL B). UNLESS WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY FROM DEPARTMENT, WE DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AT POLITICAL LEVEL AGAIN.

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